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Based on all I have read about proposed actions relative to this case, it seems that the States that have not agreed to a settlement are being unduly influenced by Microsoft competitors.

I believe Microsoft has helped to keep prices at a reasonable level. It seems the States and competitors want to arrange for a "playing field" that favors their products.

The states should bow to the lead of the Federal gov't and make an effort to be profitable in their businesses without blaming their lack of success or difficulties on Microsoft. In today's competitive business world, success should be determined in the marketplace, not the courtroom!